

The Applicants hereby amend the paragraph on page 2, beginning on line 7 of the specification as follows:

The lower vessel may be metallic, but preferably it is of plastics. This is ~~in~~ advantageous in that it considerably simplifies and reduces the cost of manufacture of the beverage maker, allowing the vessel to be molded.

The Applicant's hereby amend the paragraph on page 3, beginning on line 3 of the specification as follows:

Preferably the heater is supported by the housing of an associated control. Most preferably, the arrangement is similar to that shown in Figures 1 to 7 of PCT International Publication No. WO 99/48331. These figures show the principle of operation of the Applicant's U36 and U38 series of controls and elements. In particular, a snap acting bimetallic actuator is ~~in~~-biased lightly into contact with an associated heater and acts to lift a leaf-spring mounted contact from a corresponding contact provided on the heater in the event of the heater rising above a pre-determined temperature. Such a heater/control combination may be used in a beverage make of the present invention, as it will sense when the liquid in the lower vessel has been boiled away, and then operate to disconnect power to the heating element.